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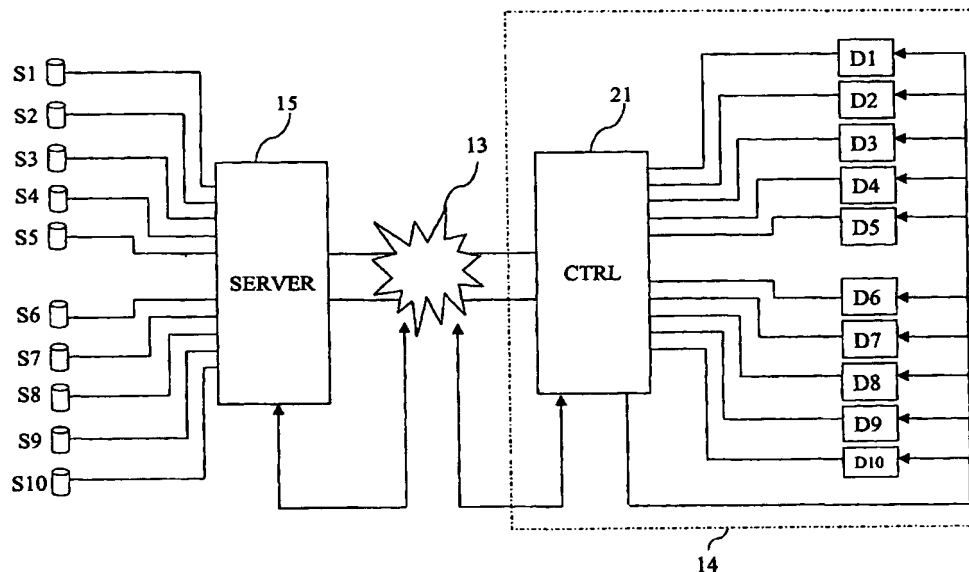
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(57) Abstract: The invention relates to a method of streaming multimedia for providing seamless stream switching. The method consists in streaming multimedia data from a server (15) to a client (14) over a network (13) having a variable bandwidth. The client is intended to decode a subset of streams within a set of streams having various predetermined bit rates. The decoded subset of streams has bit rates compatible with the network bandwidth. The method comprises the steps of configuring the client so that the client can decode all the streams within the set of streams, playing all the streams within the set of streams and muting all the streams within the set of streams, except the subset of streams.

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